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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: G. C. Neurauter  
HARUO MACHIDA ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2143  
Appln. No.: 09/407,300 )  
: Filed: September 29, 1999 )  
: For: SYSTEM FOR DISPLAYING )  
CONNECTION CONDITION OF )  
DEVICE PROVIDED ON )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being enclosed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The Remarks begin at page 24.

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